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GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY TO HOST CEREMONIAL LIGHTING OF IDAHO'S CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and First Lady Lori Otter invite all Idahoans to join them on the evening of Monday, December 2nd, for a celebration of the holiday season at the ceremonial lighting of Idaho's Capitol Christmas Tree.

"This is a special time of year, and we enjoy sharing it with some of the people who make it special for us – the citizens of Idaho," the Governor and First Lady said in announcing details of the annual event. "It's a celebration of the holiday season, and an affirmation of our commitment to the values of friends, family, freedom and faith that make America – and especially Idaho – so exceptional."

Boise radio station 107.9 Lite FM radio personalities Lisa Adams and Joe E. King will serve as masters of ceremonies for the evening on the front steps of the Capitol. The 25th Army Band will begin entertaining at 5 p.m. while guests enjoy hot chocolate, hot cider and cookies compliments of Walmart, Rosauers, Lucky Perk and Meadow Gold.

The tree-lighting ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Governor, First Lady and Idaho's constitutional officers and music by the Andrus Ambassador Honor Choir from Meridian's Cecil D. Andrus Elementary School and the Weiser High School Chamber Choir.

Guests are invited into the Capitol after the Christmas tree is lighted. Music will continue and free books will be given to children in attendance, compliments of First Lady Lori Otter and Scholastic, Inc. Guests are encouraged to visit the Governor's Ceremonial Office and the Capitol Gift Shop, where Idaho's 2013 State Christmas ornament will be available – created by "A Touch of Glass" in Idaho Falls – along with other items crafted by Idaho artists.

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